

Because of the time limitations associated with this right, information on such properties is needed quickly in order for the town to make intelligent decisions on whether to pursue them for open space or municipal use. The design and contents of this type of report will be finalized in 2011.

Respectfully submitted,

Vin Antil, Chair  
Eve Donahue  
Bill Maxfield

Brian J. Mulcahy  
Chris Rodstrom

### **RECREATION COMMISSION**

This past year has been exciting and eventful for the Recreation Commission. The Commission is very excited that Stow Community Park is nearly complete and we were able to open to the community in the spring of 2010. The new recreational facility is a great addition to Stow. The playground that is the final phase of the project is scheduled to be complete in the spring of 2011. Town-wide brochures are distributed throughout the year, highlighting the many new programs that have been established as well as the existing programs. The fourth annual Stow Gobbler road race was even more successful than last year, with over 800 participants walking or running the race on Thanksgiving Day. Thanks to the Hurd and Allaire families, volunteers, and sponsors for making this race such a success.

The Recreation Commission is dedicated to providing town-wide programming for all ages. During the past year the Recreation Commission has outlined its short- and long-term goals and the steps needed to achieve success. The Commission is excited about the possibilities that can be accomplished in the years ahead to make recreation in Stow an important ingredient to maintaining and improving the quality of life. The Commission would like to encourage others within the community to participate, either as an associate member or to assist in the development and implementation of programs. Also, please feel free to bring any issues or ideas to the Commission. We would welcome your input. Thanks to all the workers and volunteers who helped with the programs throughout the year.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Busch, Chairperson  
Robert Braceland  
John Sangermano  
Tim Allaire

Josh Schiering  
  
Laura Greenough, Recreation Director

### **SPRINGFEST COMMITTEE**

It was the Springfest Committee's distinct privilege and pleasure to celebrate all that is wonderful about our town with a weekend of family-friendly activities May 14-16, 2010.

We brought back a number of events, and tried out some new activities that we thought were a great addition to the weekend. Most impressive was the Grand Parade, which has gone from a wonderful fire truck display to a parade that included all aspects of Stow life! Thanks to the extraordinary work of Nancy Arsenault, we had farm floats, antique cars, multiple troops of Minutemen, community groups including the Council on Aging and Medical Reserve Corps, a jazz band, lots of marching kids, and even an army tank! It was an incredible event, hard to be repeated!

Taking advantage of a beautiful day, the Saturday activity at Center School was non-stop fun. Stow residents turned out to enjoy the food, games, vendors, and music. We'd like to give a special shout-out to our Police Department for setting up inflatable games, giving out free snacks, showing off their equipment and handing out free bicycle helmets. More than 40 vendors gave folks the opportunity to learn, shop and support area organizations and businesses. The afternoon featured a Spelling Bee (sponsored by RECESS - the group raising funds for the new school project). Teams representing Stow selectmen, schoolteachers, and other organizations faced off with the crowd "buzzing" in excitement. The evening activities started off with a student garage-band concert, and was capped off by the first ever Stow showing of Rocky Horror Picture Show (complete with prop bags handed out to the audience!). Sunday activities included the annual SCT "Run for the Woods" and the "Sounds of Stow" concert. A new addition to the weekend was the "Dog Games and Instruction," which was well attended and appreciated by both two- and four-legged creatures!

We're grateful to everyone who assisted with making SpringFest a great weekend (there are just too many people to list here), and we look forward to seeing you at this year's Springfest May 20-22. This year, Saturday's events will be held at the new Stow Community Park. Anyone interested in volunteering can email us at [springfest@stow-ma.gov](mailto:springfest@stow-ma.gov).

Respectfully submitted,

Murray Levine, Chair  
Ellen Sturgis  
Karen Kelleher  
Pennie Cushing

Marge Alessio  
Laura Folsom  
Bruce Fletcher  
Nancy Arsenault

### **STOW TV and LOCAL ACCESS CHANNEL ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

The Board of Selectmen established and appointed the Public, Education, and Government (PEG) Committee in November 2002 for the purpose of establishing a local cable TV access channel for the Town of Stow to provide programming in areas of public affairs, education and town government. As part of the governance agreement established by the Board of Selectman on August 9, 2005, the name of the committee was changed to the Local Access Channel Advisory Committee (LACAC). Funding for operations is provided through license agreements negotiated by the Stow Cable License Advisory Committee with Comcast and Verizon.